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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated April 28, 2005, applicant submits herewith the Request for Approval Of Drawing Changes that was originally filed via first class mail on April 18, 2005.

Per the requirements of the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, the replacement drawing sheets have been labeled "REPLACEMENT" accordingly.

In view of the submission of the enclosed replacement drawings and the Amendment filed on April 18, 2005, Applicant submits that Claims 1 -5 are now in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes there are still unresolved issues, a telephone call to the undersigned would be welcomed.

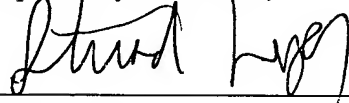
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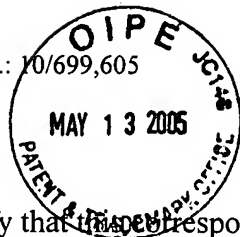
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REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF DRAWING CHANGES

Sir:

Applicant hereby requests the Examiner's approval of the following proposed changes to the Figures in the above-identified application.

In response to the Examiner's objections to the Drawings noted on Page 2 of the Office Action mailed 11/17/04, Applicant hereby requests the Examiner's approval of the following proposed changes to Figure 3. For the Examiner's convenience, replacement (formal)

drawing sheets 1/2 and 2/2 are enclosed (labeled "Replacement"), as well as a marked-up copy of Fig 3 indicating the desired changes in red.

The specific changes made include redrawing of the lead line from reference numbers 24₁ and 24₂ to more clearly show that these reference numbers represent the openings, not the fibers 10. Also, clarification is made to indicate that in addition to adhesive 26, there is solder 28 attaching fibers to the ferrule 20 at the rightmost opening of the apertures 24₁ and 24₂. The addition of reference number 28 to the specification was made in the Amendment filed 4/18/05.

An indication of the Examiner's approval of the proposed changes is respectfully requested in the next Patent Office communication. Should the Examiner be of the view that an interview would expedite consideration of this Request or of the application at large, request is made that the Examiner telephone the Applicants' attorney at (908) 518-7700 in order that any outstanding issues be resolved.

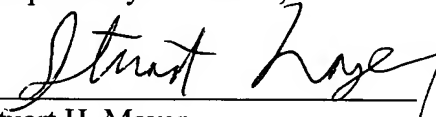
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